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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

Petition of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for an Accounting Order Related to the Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure **Docket No. 2019-241-E/G**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("Company") requesting that the Commission approve two (2) Smart Meter Opt-Out Riders ("Riders") to the Company's Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") installation ("Application").

Overview of Company's Request

In the Application, the Company states that it is scheduled to begin its AMI installation deployment during the second quarter of 2020. In compliance with Commission Order No. 2019-622 ("Order"), the Company has submitted an AMI Customer Education Plan ("Plan") as part of the Application. The Order states that the Plan should provide specific detail of how the Company will communicate AMI deployment to its customers, availability of an opt-out, availability of a medical waiver to opt-out fees, and the benefits of AMI for its customers.

The Application includes the two (2) Riders, one (1) for electric service for customers on Rates 1, 2, 6, 8, and 9, and one (1) for natural gas service for customers on Rates 31, 32V, 32S, and 33. The customer's cost to participate in the Riders includes a one-time service establishment

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fee of \$168 to cover the costs of enrollment, information technology ("IT") system costs, and installation of a manually read meter. In addition, a monthly subscription fee of \$15.00 will be charged in order to off-set the cost of manually reading the meter. These fees are only applicable to those customers choosing to participate under the Riders.

ORS Recommendation

ORS has reviewed the Application and discussed the Plan with Company personnel. The Plan addresses the items in the Order as detailed by the Commission. ORS has reviewed the Riders and the calculation of the one-time and monthly fees. ORS supports the Application, including the Plan and the Riders, and recommends that the Commission approve the Application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

cc:

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